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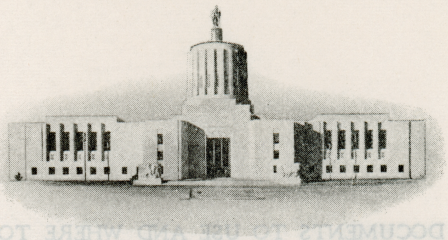

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OREGON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
STATE OFFICE BUILDING
1400 S. W 5TH AVENUE
PORTLAND 1

November 30, 1955

Mr. Thurman E. Dear
1507 S. E. 7th
Camas, Wash.

Dear Mr. Dear:

We have abstracted the evidence from the papers which you furnished for the delayed filing of the birth for Thurman Eugene Dear, and therefore, are returning them to you. You need not return this evidence again.

We now have supporting data on file as follows:

Driver's License showing birthdate

Employment Record showing birthdate, birthplace

Affidavit of Birth showing birthdate, birthplace, parentage

In order that we may file a certificate for you which will be generally recognized and which will be of most value to you, additional documents are needed to show

birthplace and parentage - one document.

Please look on the reverse side of this letter for documents checked in red, which we believe you may be able to obtain. Remember, all evidence must be 5 years old.

It is necessary that you complete the upper half of the delayed certificate of birth form. We are returning it so that you can indicate "color or race", "sex", "birthplace of parents" and "your address". We can accept only one document of a kind; therefore, one personal affidavit of birth.

If the registrant was married in Oregon, and/or had a child born in Oregon over 5 years ago, please indicate the date and place of the event(s). We will then check the record, if on file, and use it in support of the registration.

Please do not hesitate to ask us for additional help if further clarification of the procedure is required.

Very truly yours,

Deane Huxtable

State Registrar

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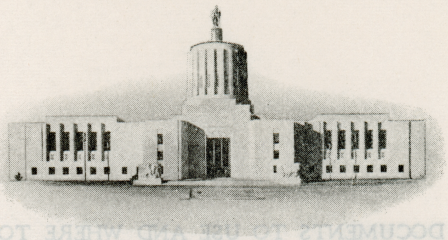

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EXAMPLES OF DOCUMENTS TO USE AND WHERE TO GET THEM

(All documents must have been established at least 5 years ago)

TO PROVE:	GET:	FROM:
Date of Birth Place of Birth Names of Parents	Federal census record	U. S. Census Bureau, Washington, D. C.
	Hospital record of birth	Superintendent of hospital
	Insurance policy or application	Insurance company
	Social security application	Social Security Administration F. S. A., Baltimore, Md.
	Newspaper birth notice	Newspaper
	Postal saving account application	Post Office carrying account
	Physician's office record	Attending physician
	School enrollment record	Superintendent of schools for district in which school was attended
Date of Birth Place of Birth	Application for membership in trade, professional, social or fraternal organization	Headquarters of organization
	Birth certificate of own child	Vital Statistics registrar for state in which child was born
	Marriage record	State Vital Statistics registrar or county clerk
	Military discharge	Appropriate service branch
Date of Birth Names of Parents	Baptismal, cradle roll, or other church record	Present pastor of church
	School census record	Superintendent of schools for locality in which school was attended
Place of Birth Names of Parents	Voting registration record	Clerk of county where registered
Date of Birth	Driver's license	Oregon: Secretary of State
	Liquor license	Oregon: Liquor Control Commission
	Hunting license	Oregon: Fish and Game Commission
	Hospital admission record	Superintendent of hospital

An authentic entry in a family Bible may be used as evidence if it can be shown that the entry was made at the time of birth.

RECORDS NOT ACCEPTABLE AS PROOF

Receipt books, diplomas, report cards, social security cards, membership cards, ration books, bank books, birth announcements, marriage certificate (when without date and place of birth).

Oregon State Board of Health letter about delayed birth certificate for Thurman Eugene Dear, 1955

Reflections

Jeffrey Hunt
September 5 2025

This letter from the Oregon State Board of Health, dated November 30, 1955, concerns the delayed birth certificate for my grandfather, Thurman Eugene Dear. It shows the evidence he had submitted and what additional proof was required at the time. The address listed—1507 Southeast 7th in Camas, Washington—is one of the first houses I can remember living in, down in Oak Park at the end of 7th Street. My parents were given that house when Tim and Gramma family out by the lake.

The letter itself describes which records could be used and which would not be accepted. On the back, down near the bottom, it even specifies that ration books were not valid proof—this in 1955, just about a decade after the war. I have copies of ration books with his name on them, but they would not have sufficed. My grandfather was born in 1902, and I believe his original proof of birth was an entry in the family Bible. A later certificate may have been issued and possibly signed by his grandmother, and that may still be among the papers he stored away in the same steel box with photographs and other documents.